

## **Child Health Needs Assessment Healthcare Provider Survey**

The Title V Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Block Grant is a federal government grant which provides approximately \$15 million to fund MCH services throughout Louisiana through the Office of Public Health's (OPH) MCH Program.

Every five years, State Title V agencies are required to conduct a comprehensive needs assessment to:

- identify state MCH priority needs
- arrange programmatic and policy activities around these priorities needs
- develop measures to monitor the success of their efforts.

The OPH Child Health Program would like input from healthcare professionals on what are the needs of Louisiana's children that we can address through the State MCH Program during the next five years.

Priority needs for the Child Health Program that have been addressed in previous years include: 1) decreasing infant deaths due to SIDS, 2) decreasing unintentional injuries in children, and 3) decreasing child abuse and neglect. Based on these needs, program activities have been developed including a statewide SIDS Risk Reduction Public Awareness campaign, intensive nurse home visiting programs to low income first time mothers, training in infant mental health for public health staff, development of an assessment tool for early identification of families in need of additional support, and establishment of Regional Injury Prevention Coordinators.

The child health needs assessment will focus on ages 1 to 21 years, with overlap in the adolescent age group and the Children with Special Health Care Needs group. In separate processes, the needs of children under one year of age are being addressed through a Perinatal Needs Assessment and the needs of adolescents, ages 10-24 years, are being addressed through an Adolescent Needs Assessment. Your additional input for adolescents will be shared with the adolescent group.

We are asking your assistance in working with us in this process by taking this healthcare professional survey.

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